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Welcome to our great new-look magazine—I LOVE TO READ **BATMAN AND SUPERMAN!** As you know from the last issue of I LOVE TO READ **BATMAN**, Superman will now join Batman in **every** issue.

To kick off, we have a great new comic strip starring Superman. In this story, the Man of Steel has to fight a deadly foe called the Conqueror. Superman soon finds that the best way to defeat the larger-than-life villain is to keep just out of his reach. How will Superman win the battle with *The Conqueror*? Find out by reading on.

Our Batman story this month reveals how good a teacher the Dark Knight has been to Robin. In *Night Shift*, Robin must use all he's learned from his crime-fighting partner when he investigates some suspicious night-time goings on!

Then there are some great prizes to be won in this month's

competition. We have **20 Batman and**

Superman CD-Rom comic books

to give away to the lucky winners! So get down to it and enter the competition—**NOW!**

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THE CONQUEROR

Just another day in
downtown Metropolis...

HEAR ME,
PEOPLE OF
METROPOLIS.
I AM THE
CONQUEROR!

YOUR CITY
WILL SOON BE
MINE, AND NOT
EVEN SUPERMAN
WILL STOP
ME!



Story: Dan Abnett Art: Jimmy Hansen Colours: Robin Smith

SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster

Everyone in the city quickly heard about the Conqueror's threat. At the *Daily Planet*, reporter **Clark Kent**...

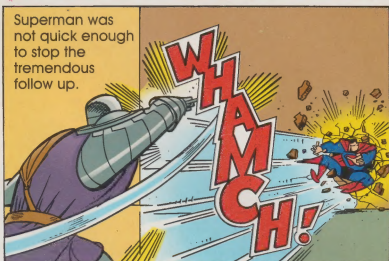


...quickly changed into his other identity...

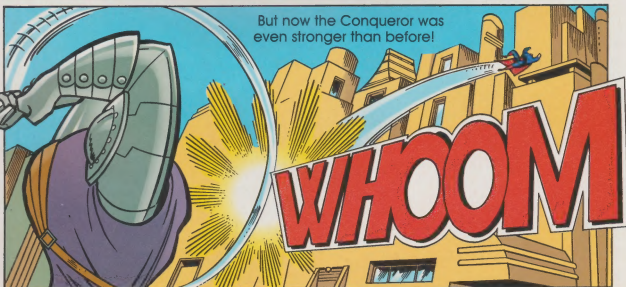


...**SUPERMAN** - The Man of Steel!





The Man of Steel was impressed. As he flew back into the fight this time, he didn't hold back...



It took Superman a moment to pull himself together. He was amazed...



Something about the Conqueror reminded Superman of an earlier adventure.



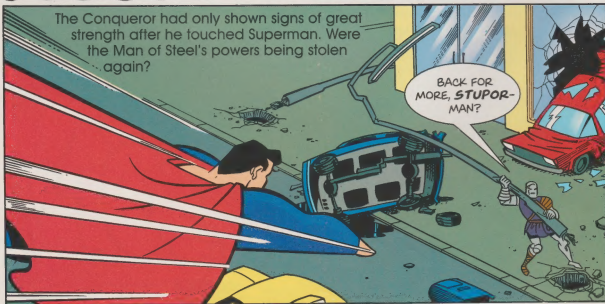
He had fought a villain called the **Parasite**. By touching Superman, the Parasite had somehow been able to steal the Man of Steel's powers.



With his stolen power, the Parasite had become as strong as Superman. He had been a hard foe to beat.



The Conqueror had only shown signs of great strength after he touched Superman. Were the Man of Steel's powers being stolen again?



A quick burst of X-Ray Vision revealed the truth.



Superman dove in to attack, but stayed just out of the Conqueror's reach.

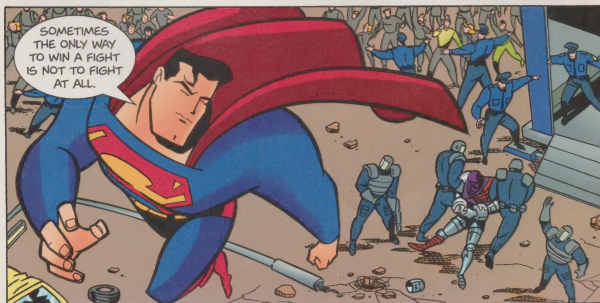


Superman didn't let the Conqueror touch him, but he kept the villain busy.



When the Parasite stole Superman's powers before, the effect only lasted for a limited time.

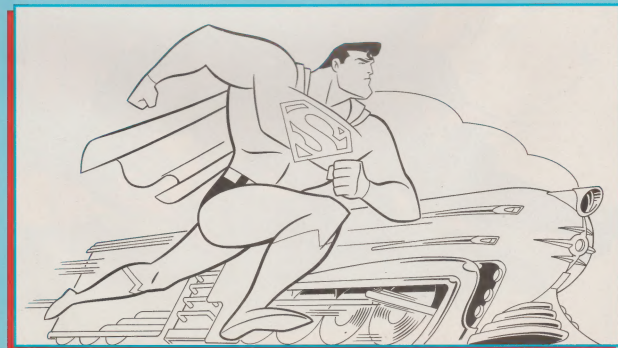




THE END

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 8 differences between these two pictures of Superman racing with a speeding train?



Answers: 1. One of the train's back wheels. 2. The highlight on Superman's shorts. 3. The stripe on Superman's boot. 4. The design over the wheels at the rear of the train. 5. The ridge at the front of the train. 6. The cloud behind Superman. 7. The colour of the lamp casing at the top of the front of the train. 8. The centre ridge on the side of the train.

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COLOURING AND WORKBOOK

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SCRAMBLED WORDS

All the words in the circles are scrambled versions of the words in the box below. Unscramble the letters and write the numbers of the circles in which they appear in the small boxes beside the words.



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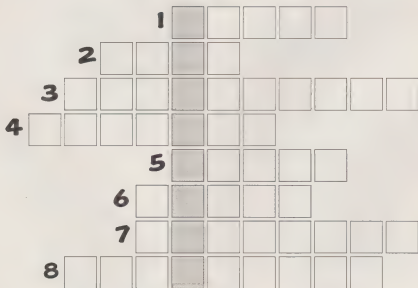


- ☐ adventure
- ☐ downtown
- ☐ reporter
- ☐ identity
- ☐ limited
- ☐ strength
- ☐ vision
- ☐ stolen

WHO'S HIDDEN?

Write the correct answers to the clues in the boxes below. All the words come from the story *The Conqueror*. When you've filled in the grid, the letters in the shaded boxes will show a hidden villain.

1. The Conqueror took this from Superman.
2. To win over someone else.
3. The city where Superman lives.
4. Another name for a criminal.
5. Superman is known as the Man of this metal!
6. To take part in a battle.
7. Every time Superman hit him, the Conqueror got _____.
8. An exciting experience.



ANAGRAMS

How many words can you make from the long words listed below? They all come from the story *The Conqueror*. Some examples have been done for you already.

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LEAVE

TREMENDOUS

TREND

PARASITE

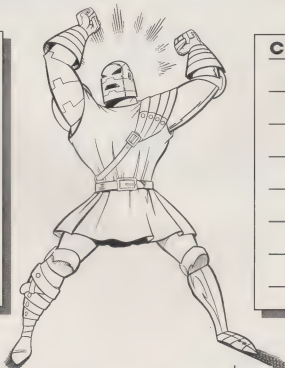
PRAISE

STRONGER

NOTES

CHANGED

HEAD



DOT TO DOT

Join the dots to reveal
Superman's dangerous
opponent!



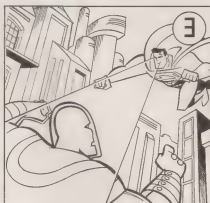
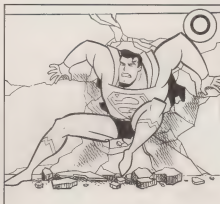
COLOURING

Colour in this great picture of the Conqueror from this month's comic strip story.



ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order (1-6)** and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



6	2	4	3	5	1

GOLD WORDS

In the story *The Late Shift* Robin stops a gang of criminals from stealing a load of gold. The answers to all the clues below are words or parts of words that sound like the word GOLD. Answer the clues correctly and fill in the gaps.

1. To bend a piece of paper : _____
2. To have something gripped in your hand : _____
3. The past of to tell : _____
4. Not new : _____
5. Not afraid to do something : _____
6. This grows on old bread : _____
7. The past of to sell : _____
8. It's at the top of your arm : _____
9. To tell someone off angrily : _____
10. The opposite of hot : _____



CODED MESSAGE

While browsing through the Batcomputer, Batman received a coded message on the police channel. By using the code cracker at the bottom of the page, can you decode the message?

1 12 12 21 14 9 20 19 5 13 5 18 7 5 14 3 25

18 15 2 2 5 18 25 4 15 23 14 20 15 23 14

10 5 23 5 12 12 5 18 19

1 12 1 18 13 15 6 6

20 1 11 9 14 7 7 15 12 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

NIGHT CREATURES

f	s	x	f	o	x	l	p	i	v
i	f	n	b	w	a	i	o	u	e
r	m	m	o	l	e	m	s	b	w
e	t	n	i	l	p	o	s	a	r
f	r	s	f	i	g	t	u	d	e
l	a	b	a	t	x	h	m	g	e
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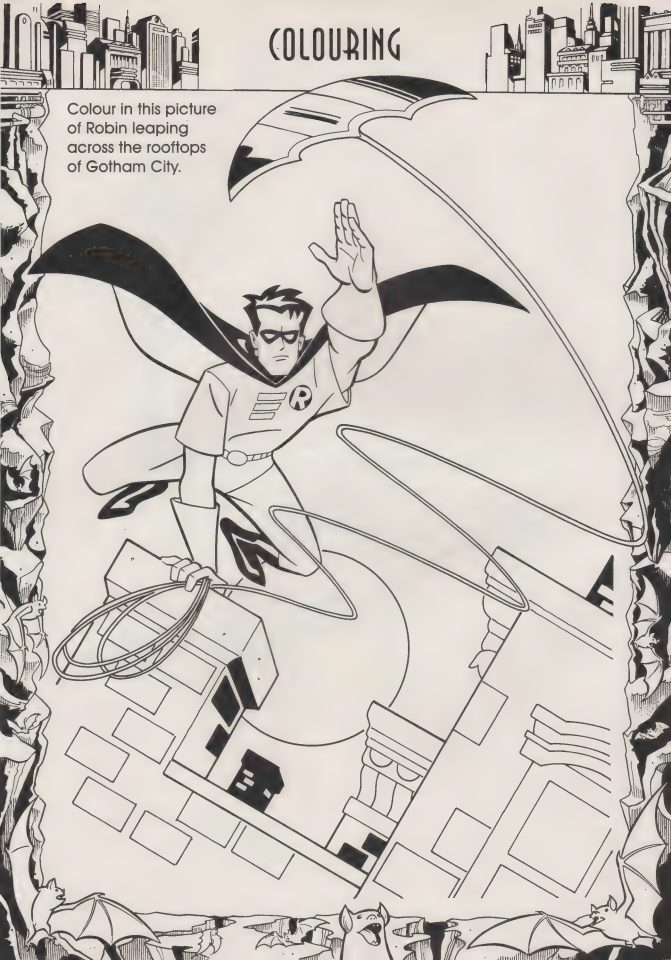
In the story *The Late Shift*, Robin was working late at night. The animals in this list also come out at night. Their names are hidden downwards and across in the wordsearch above. Draw a line through each word when you have found it and tick it off the list.

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badger	<input type="checkbox"/>
fox	<input type="checkbox"/>
glow-worm	<input type="checkbox"/>
hedgehog	<input type="checkbox"/>
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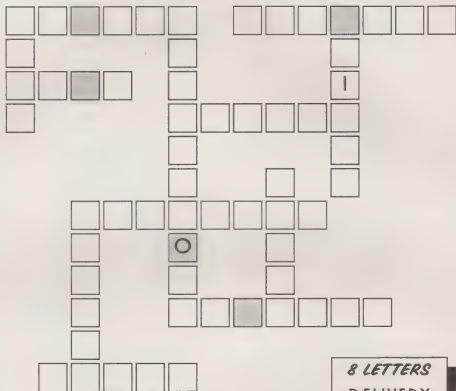
COLOURING

Colour in this picture of Robin leaping across the rooftops of Gotham City.



FIT THEM IN

All the words in the boxes below come from the story, *The Late Shift*. See how quickly you can fit them into the grid of squares. If you complete the puzzle correctly, the letters in the shaded boxes will spell the name of something warm and delicious!



4 LETTERS

ROOF
WARM

5 LETTERS

TRUCK
ALARM

6 LETTERS

CHILLY
DIESEL
WHARFS
PATROL

7 LETTERS

SACKING
TEACHER

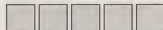
8 LETTERS

DELIVERY

10 LETTERS

SUSPICIOUS

The letters spell:





ANSWERS



SCRAMBLED WORDS

- 2 adventure
- 3 downtown
- 4 reporter
- 2 identity
- 5 limited
- 6 strength
- 1 vision
- 8 stolen

WHO'S HIDDEN?

1 POWER
2 BEAT
3 METROPOLIS
4 VILLAIN
5 STEEL
6 FIGHT
7 STRONGER
8 ADVENTURE

GOLD WORDS

1. FOLD
2. HOLD
3. TOLD
4. OLD
5. BOLD
6. MOULD
7. SOLD
8. SHOULDER
9. SCOLD
10. COLD

ALL MIXED UP

POWER S
1 2 3 4 5 6

CODED MESSAGE

ALL UNITS EMERGENCY
ROBBERY DOWNTOWN
JEWELLERS
ALARM OFF
TAKING GOLD

NIGHT CREATURES

f s x f o x l p i v
i f n b w a i o u e
r m m o l e m s b w
e t n i l p o s a r
f r s f i g t u d e
l a b a t x h m g e
y k e h a m s t e r
r i g l o w w o r m
h e d g e h o g w c

FIT THEM IN

W H A R F S T E A C H E R
A U S H
R O O F S I
M P A T R O L L
I C T Y
D E L I V E R Y
I O U
E U C
S S A C K I N G
E A L A R M

The letters spell:

C O C O A



Robin has his work cut out for him on...

THE LATE SHIFT



It was a chilly night, and well on the wrong side of midnight. A cold wind that smelled of tug-boat diesel blew in across the wharfs from the Gotham river.

On the roof of the Rankin Meat Packing Plant, Robin shivered. He was on a solo patrol of Gotham City's grimmer neighbourhoods that night, a rare chance to work alone. He appreciated the trust Batman had placed in him, and enjoyed the chance to make his own decisions. But he was several hours away from a piping hot cup of Alfred's cocoa, and somehow the heroic struggle against crime seemed a little less than heroic just then. Cold would have been a better word, mused Robin. Cold and damp.

An idea struck him—to go and stand watch by the roof vents on the boiler house where the billows of hot air would keep him warm.

Robin was just starting to defrost a bit when he saw a truck. It came up the wharf road between the warehouses, and passed almost underneath him.

"Nothing particularly suspicious," thought Robin. A late delivery. An early pick up. The truck wasn't breaking any laws. Except that its number plates were hidden by a piece of old sacking.

The warmth of the boiler house roof tempted him to stay put. But Robin could almost hear Batman's voice in his head. If the Dark Knight had been there, Robin was sure he would have said, "A strong hunch is worth a dozen clues."

Robin frowned to himself. "Yeah, but —"

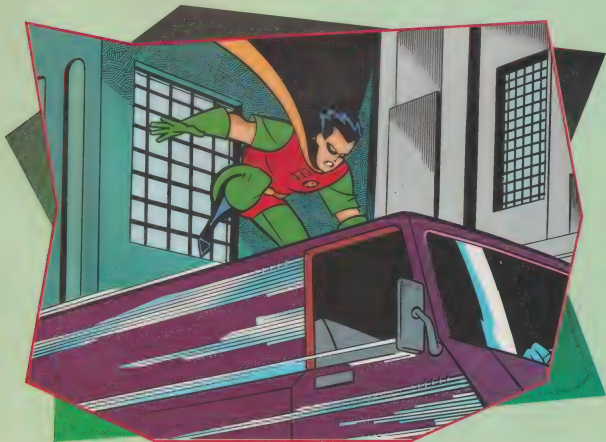
"Check out the slightest misdemeanour," he could imagine Batman saying. "Don't let anything go by. You never know where things will lead."

"I know where *this* will lead," murmured Robin to himself. "It will lead to me stopping some poor driver on his way home and his apologising for having some old sacking caught on his fender."

Despite this, Robin darted along the edge of the plant's roof and vaulted a break in the ledge. He somersaulted down onto the truck's roof before it could pass out of reach.

He landed on his feet like a cat, then dropped to his knees to secure a hand grip on the truck's roof.

Robin remembered one of the many lessons Batman had taught



him. "On a moving vehicle, always double check your handhold, and don't show off."

"Happy?" whispered Robin to the empty night air.

The truck turned west on Cromerty Avenue. Robin edged forwards onto the front of the roof. He contemplated getting the driver's attention and asking him to pull over.

"Assess your situation first. Never rush in," said Batman's voice in his head.

Robin made a long-suffering grimace and laid low. The problem with having a teacher as good as Batman is that you always have to listen to his advice, because he's almost never wrong.

In ten minutes Robin and the truck were in the jewellery quarter of downtown Gotham, and pulling into a yard behind a large goldsmith's. A car was waiting. It flashed its headlights suspiciously.

The truck stopped, and Robin lay flat on the roof, waiting and listening.

"Don't worry," Robin said under his breath as if speaking to Batman himself, "I *have* noticed how suspicious this situation is!"

He heard voices down below. Someone mentioned an alarm system having been turned off. Another mentioned "the haul." A door opened and a light came on in the back of the goldsmith's. Then there was silence.

Robin slipped down off the truck's roof and crept towards the lit doorway. No doubt about it—these guys were definitely crooks!

"Never stand against a lit doorway or window. You make a target of yourself," he remembered Batman saying.

Robin slipped flat against the wall. He waited. He could hear movement within.

"Surprise is the best weapon," Batman's voice reminded him.

"Thank you, I do remember," Robin thought with a smile.

A thick set man emerged through a doorway, pushing a handcart laden with a crate of gold bars.

WHAKKK! Robin knocked him out with a quick blow.

Robin dragged the unconscious man into the shadows. Then he





turned the cart around and pushed it back inside.

"Hurry it with the cart, Joey!" called a voice from inside, "We've got eight more to go!"

"Just coming!" Robin called back, disguising his voice.

Robin knew that Batman would have suggested that he "hide the unexpected in what the opponent expects."

"Way ahead of you..." murmured Robin as he trundled the cart inside.

"Good work, Robin," said Batman later at the Batcave. "Over a million in gold would have been quite a haul for that gang. Instead the thieves are in jail—thanks to you."

"I had help," remarked Robin, as he sipped his delicious hot cocoa.

"What do you mean?" asked Batman.

"I mean...I followed your advice to the letter, tried to think of what **you** would do in the situation. Tried to remember all my training," Robin explained. "It was like you were with me every step of the way."

"In fact," thought Robin, "you were."

THE END

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5. What planet does Superman come from?.....
6. What city does Superman live in?

NAME (of child).....BOY/GIRL

DATE OF BIRTH (of child).....NAME (of parent/guardian).....

.....ADDRESS (of parent/guardian).....

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THE PARASITE™

VILLAIN FILES

Other Identity:

Rudy Jones

Occupation:

Criminal

Known Relatives:

None

Base of Operations:

Metropolis

Height: 6 feet 4"

Weight: 140 Kilos

Eyes: Blue

Hair: None

Psychological profile:

Rudy Jones used his job as a janitor to gain access and steal an experimental chemical from S.T.A.R. Labs. But the robbery went wrong and Rudy was covered in the purple chemical, transforming him into the Parasite. Finding he had the power to steal other people's memories and abilities, Rudy went crazy and his own personality got lost amidst everyone else's. When he absorbs Superman's powers in battle, the Parasite is nearly impossible to defeat.

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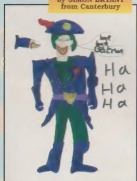
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THE REAL SUPERMAN

All these pictures of Superman have a matching pair except for one. Find the pairs and join them with a pencil line. The remaining picture is the *real* Superman.

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